officers will say what do I care since he has so many lakhs of rupees.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sanction is also quoted.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—For the amount about which I am speaking, there is no sanction.

President.—That statement does not cause amusement to this side of the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Here is an answer most surprising. The Comptroller of Accounts, who has got all the budgets before him and the demands, through which he has to go through, says "I found there was no allotment". Well, this payment is, therefore, irregular and objectionable, and he does not bring it to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—I did not make such a statement.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If you have made such a statement, you can very well withdraw it. This slip-shod payment without allotment or sanction should not be continued. There was no sanction at all for this amount from the Finance Committee. They sanctioned a staff and when they came here for money it was not sanctioned and then the money was certified under emergency clause. You could have done it even before. The present Member in charge of the Revenue Department placed a satement before the House and said it was an oversight. We are going to give the full grant without cut. To bring these points to the notice of the House this token motion was tabled. I do not press the motion.

(*The motion was withdrawn with leave.*)

President.—Why was this delay of six months been caused? I can understand the failure to provide in the budget. Soon after, we had two meetings one in Kanni and the other in Vrischigam and it was not brought forward then. You see that there is justification for bringing it to the notice of the Government.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—In any case the matter should be brought to the notice of the Diwan.

(*The grant was voted for.*)

3. II A. Cocoanut Station—Rs. 1,600.

President.—The next item is the motion for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,600 under II—A—Cocoanut Station.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,600 for works in the Cocoanut Station. Rs. 750 is for the final payment on account of the compound wall and gate. There was an allotment of Rs. 1,160 in 1103 budget. The work was taken up last year but could not be completed in that year. The original estimate had also to be

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revised, the additional items of works being concrete foundation for walls, taking the foundation works to a depth of one foot more and giving proportionate width to the walls, and extending the walls to a length of 21 ft. more. Rs. 600 is for constructing a groyne. On account of the strong current in the river the revetment wall is being damaged. If the groyne is not put up soon the foundation of the compound wall which extends to the revetment wall will be damaged. Rs. 250 is for sinking a well and lining it. The existing wells or tanks are all open. For the health of the people living in the estate a protected well is necessary.

4. II—A—Farm operations—Rs. 800.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 800. This amount is for the travelling allowance of the officers of the Department attached to the Farm. Budget provision for the current year is Rs. 1,000 and the amount already spent is Rs. 930. The amount actually incurred in 1103 was Rs. 2,400. The additional allotment now applied for is necessary for carrying on the work of the Department.

President.—Are they two separate demands?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—Then move them separately.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 800 for travelling allowance.

President.—What are the reasons for this additional allotment?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We are not opposing it, Sir.

(*The allotment was passed by the Council.*)

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,600 under 'II—A—Cocoanut Station.'

President.—There is a cut motion in the name of Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,600 under II—A. Cocoanut Station by Re. 1.*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I do not want to move.

(*Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,600 under II—A.—Cocoanut Station by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this cut motion to call the attention of the Government to the absolute indifference shown by them in not heeding to the advice of this Council, in the matter of agricultural reforms. We have been pressing in

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